

**Seekonk Connolly Field Turf & Renovation Building Committee**  
**Seekonk High School Media Center, 261 Arcade Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771**  
**October 14, 2021**

**I. Call to Order (6:35)**

**Present:** Stephen Prew, Justin Terrien, Victor Pereira, Joe Mello, Bubba Petersen, Noah Escaler

**Additional Attendees:** Chris Huntress

**II. Approval of Minutes 9/14**

- Hold off until next meeting

**III. Continued discussion regarding Bids and next steps**

- Chris Huntress provided a summary of the communication he had with Seekonk town staff regarding the bids
  - Discussed whether the Town can award the contract to Argus and request deductions Alt 3 and Alt 4 (could potentially be accepted later on as Change Alternates)
  - Asked about the pricing for options
    - Page 4, Option A - saves \$144,259 which brings the total to \$2,717,741.
    - Page 5, Option B - saves \$178,880 which brings the total to \$2,683,120.
  - Better value by not awarding pressbox now as the prices for the pressbox are much greater than past, similar sized jobs
  - Reducing track straightaway to 6-lanes would possibly save \$30k.
  - Other options to reduce costs on small items but nothing to really save the money that would be necessary to complete the pressbox
- Discussion of putting forward a project without addressing the pressbox and trying to address those items in the future when the costs of both come back down and possibly rebidding them at that time.
- Discussion of four options:
  - 1. Award to Argus at the base bid knowing that there would be two deducts (Alt 3 and Alt 4) to lower the cost, while looking at alternative options to do a direct bid with the manufacturers for the pressbox
  - 2. Decline all bids, redesign and rebid
  - 3. Request more money from the town
  - 4. Recommend not awarding at this time
- Discussion on 4 - town voted on the need for a field and track due to safety concerns; no merit to this according to the committee
- Discussion on 3 - committee feels that this is not "fair" to the members of the town of Seekonk
- Discussion on 2 - committee feels that there would not be enough time to see enough of a decline in prices to fulfill the whole program
- Discussion on 1 - discussed and followed up with a motion and vote
  - Motion to accept Option #1 - Noah Escaler
  - Second - Victor Pereira
  - All in favor (6-0)
- Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting is scheduled for October 20.

- BOS need the committee's recommendation by October 15.
- The contract (in the bid specs) would need to be sent to the BOS ahead of the meeting on October 20 so that the BOS have the time to review the contract in advance of the meeting.
- Discussion on what to present to the BOS
  - The original estimate of \$2,700,000 for reference to show how much costs changed since that time.
  - The bid price for the lowest bid \$2,615,000.
- Chris Huntress has reviewed the base bid from Argus and followed up on references to vet the bid and will provide that feedback.
- Committee Chair will respond to BOS on Friday October 13 in advance of the BOS meeting on October 20. And, the Chair will request that copies be provided to the BOS as well.
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**IV. Discussion of other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairperson 48 hours in advance.**

- Justin Terrien provided a summary of the invoices billed for to date.

**V. Public Comments**

- None

**VI. Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn - Victor Pereira
- Second - Justin Terrien
- Adjourned at (8:01)